

# Sunset Ridge Middle School

## School Community Council

January 26, 2011

### Minutes

#### I. Welcome

#### II. The Common Core\*

Starting with current 6<sup>th</sup> graders

Current system tracks students

With common core they can switch between the tracks

More integrated, pulling concepts through multiple years

Parents felt that this is a beneficial way to look at math. Very supportive.

Parents asked how parents are going to be getting information. Explained that district is sending things home and we will get information out through registration, web, etc...

#### III. Calendar of events at SRMS

##### January

27 – Sweet It's the end of the qtr

28 – Report Cards 7<sup>th</sup> pd.

##### February

17 – Falcon of the Quarter

23-24 – Alice in Wonderland

25 – Midterms

##### March

1-2 – Student led Conf.

4 – No School

12 –UMLA conference

16 – Choir Concert

17-18 – Last day late wk

23 – Community Council

#### IV. Registration Process/Timeline/Honors classes\*

79 more students, 3 or more teachers projected for next year. Room for next year. More portables after next year if growth continues.

Requiring keyboarding with a test out this May.

All Bio students can take Earth Systems as an elective.

In 2 years we may be implementing AP Human Geography

Those who apply for permits are on waiting list – building capacity 1260 but we are at 1282 now.

Immunization caravan at 7<sup>th</sup> grade registration and back to school night.

Many 8<sup>th</sup> grade CTE classes can only be taken in 9<sup>th</sup> grade now. –How it's setup with the state and 9-12 funding credit

Counselor - (FACS Exploration 2 in addition to FACS Exploration 1)

9<sup>th</sup> grade – Lots more CTE classes, including Intro to Engineering

Honors classes more or less the same, Asking for more detailed explanations from teachers of Honors classes so that students and parents know what the heightened expectations are going to be, may also include a summer assignment.

PST – Summer PE – March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm – Fills up extremely fast - \$120 (handout)

**\*\*Meeting held in the Conference Room**

We're still waiting on our data infrastructure upgrade here in the school (next week or two) – discussion about load testing and reliability of our data infrastructure.

District buying SkyAlert that would help with true emergencies including sending home messages

**V. Student Led Conferences**

They're coming, information will be coming home with students.

**VI. SNAP Plan – Safe Walking Route\* (Brian Larsen)**

Presented and explained.

No comments from parents for suggestions

Approved by council

**VII. S.H.I.E.L.D.**

Program with students

Students helping instruct education learning design

15 kids in each lunch 1x per month

Open question and just let the students talk

Lots of verbal bullying – Started addressing through PDA/Language tickets

Member – Daughter reported that she is very happy it's being addressed

Reports that rubber band fights have gone down, gotten a lot better

Switch next year to get a different group of students

Parent – Good to have current 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders have the relationship with the principal as they move on

**VIII. Next Meeting**

**a. March 23, 2011 6pm**

**IX. Other**

Approached by West Jordan city to ask if Police could practice bomb and drug dogs during a shelter in place

Helps cut down on drug activity

No expectation of privacy in lockers

SWAT at night? (discussion)

Council unanimously supported idea. Liked that first responders would be in the building. Felt that dogs would be great.

Proposed land trust for next year (handout and discussion)

We don't get a budget to repair an entire lab (can only replace 15 at a time, for example) this is the reason for a technology goal and to support instruction (main goal)

Member – Have families donate old computers to the school (discussion about complications and benefits of doing this.)

Rio Tinto and ATK may have grants.

Mini labs are ready to go, library lab tables are ready to go

Make sure Travis has your email address